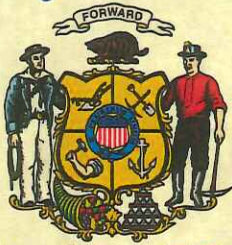


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to thousands of businesses that employ more than three million workers in industries from breweries and cheese makers to advanced manufacturers and biotechnology companies; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's labor force participation rate is above the national average, with a workforce committed to meeting and exceeding the challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS; the strength of Wisconsin's workforce rests upon the ability of educators, workforce partners, and employers to sustain and enhance the collective skill sets of students and workers to meet market demand; and

WHEREAS; the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment, in concert with Wisconsin's 11 workforce development boards and other partners, created a Strategic Plan to align workforce development strategies with economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin invested more than \$100 million in the last biennium to provide training programs and talent development services to connect individuals seeking skilled careers with businesses in emerging employment sectors and industries; and

WHEREAS; the Department of Workforce Development is partnering with the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, K-12 and post-secondary education partners, and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association to create and manage a comprehensive talent pipeline to prepare citizens for good paying, high-demand jobs that help Wisconsin businesses grow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2015, as

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14th day of August 2015.

A stylized signature of Scott Walker in black ink.
SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A stylized signature of Douglas La Follette in blue ink.
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State